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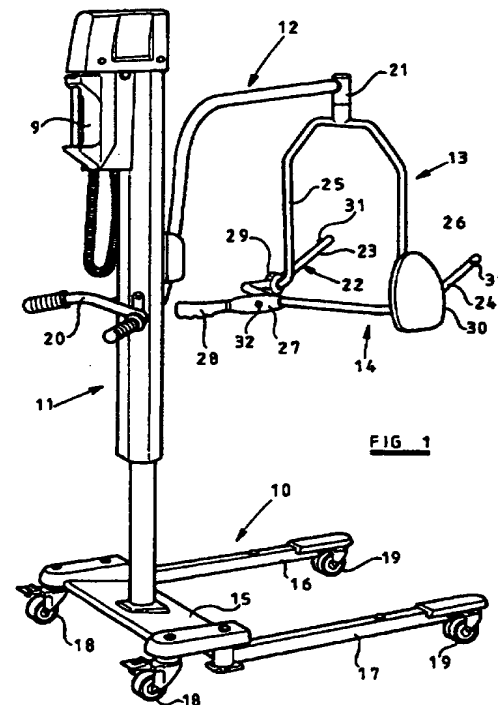
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(54) Abstract Title

Sling hanger for an invalid hoist

(57) The invalid hoist comprises a lifting arm 12, a sling hanger support 13 angularly displaceable relative to the lifting arm about a vertical axis, and a sling hanger 14 which is a unitary construction pivotable about a horizontal axis relative to the sling hanger support and which presents two spaced sling attachment points 31 on one side of the horizontal axis and at least one sling attachment point 32 on the other side of the horizontal axis. The invalid hoist also comprises rotary drive means 30 for pivoting the sling hanger about said horizontal axis relative to the sling hanger support and switch means (45, 46 Figure 3) for selectively rotating the rotary drive means in one or other of two opposite directions. Preferably both the sling hanger support and sling hanger comprise u-shape frames and the sling hanger also includes a central arm 27, with a hand grip 28, extending from the base of the frame. Preferably the hand grip is vertically pivotable to a limited extent relative to the central arm and includes the switch means which are operated by the pivotal movement.



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